

REMARKS

Claims 1- 5 are pending in this application. The applicant has cancelled claim 2 and amended claim 1 to overcome the Examiner's rejection of claim 1. Similarly, the above amendments to the specification have been made to correct typographical errors and overcome the drawing and specification objections.

The Examiner acknowledged that dependent Claims 2-5 contained allowable subject matter. Consequently, independent Claims 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2, and new claims 6-10 have been added to capture the allowable subject matter of claim 3 and the inventive system of claim 1. No new matter has been added to the claims by any of the amendments.

Attached hereto as pages 5 is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 1 by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned **"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."**

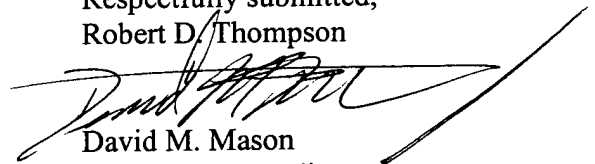
At this time, the applicant respectfully requests that the amendment and new claim are entered and a timely notice of allowance is issued in this case for all pending claims.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned council for this application if the Examiner has any questions regarding this case.

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In the Claims:

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

The remaining claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for calibrating a scanner being coupled to a host computer, the method comprising:
retrieving operational data from a memory element of the host computer;
evaluating the retrieved data for degradation in the operation of the scanner; and
calibrating the scanner to overcome the degradations,
wherein the operational data includes information obtained from previous scans and calibrations.